

STAKED TITLE HAS EXPIRED

Exodus of Prospective Miners
on New Year's Eve.

CLAIM JUMPING IN ORDER

Many Bitter Law Suits Will
Grow Out of It.

Lawton, O. T., Jan. 4.—There was a grand exodus of prospective miners New Year's eve. The title to all staked mining claims lapsed with the old year and claim-jumping was the order of the day. The title to the staked claims holds good for one year, in which time one must do his assessment work. Many bitter lawsuits are brewing out of the past three days of claim-jumping.

J. C. Davis of Meers, O. T., discussing the report of Inspector Bain on the mineral aspect says:

"Mr. Bain was never heard of as an expert until sent to investigate the Wichitans, and we positively have no proof that he knows any more of mineral than does the schoolboy, and if he will take the trouble to again visit the mountains we will give him a lesson in assaying under the instruction of one of our humblest prospectors at a blacksmith's forge, after which we will conduct him to our laboratory, where we will allow him to extract some of the yellow metal called gold and feast his eyes thereon."

He informed us that he had never seen in any other locality a formation like ours yet claims himself competent to rush through the Wichitans mountains as though pursued by the evil spirit, and report nothing in the way of mineral wealth. The correspondence tells us there are about 2,000 miners in the mountains, when there are actually three times that number—sturdy miners with that honesty of purpose which means success, working to the best of their ability and capital toward the development of the future greatest mineral district known. He also tells us that the country will now be turned over to the homesteaders. The United States mineral laws were extended over the country in a question at the time of the opening, which fact gives the miner a vested right, which cannot be disputed.

"We court investigation and to any person we will make the journey to the Wichitans and make a personal investigation of duration sufficient to give a fair idea of the conditions and value, and do not find evidence to corroborate our statements we will pay the expenses of the trip. Even the honorable governor of Oklahoma states in his report to congress of recent date, that the miners of the Wichitans mountains are harnessing the leashes of school lands and stealing the land of the homesteaders, claiming it to be mineral land, or worse to that effect. This gives you the idea, which is correct, that even the governor of this most prosperous territory is averse to the mineral interests when we will almost be willing to swear he has never been nearer the Wichitans mountains than while being a passenger on a passing railway train.

"This is in fact a portion of the conditions as they exist, and we will be pleased to show any person what we have in the way of mineral, if he will favor us with a personal call.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

BIT OF HISTORY.

Search of Old Records Yields Some Interesting Points.

Kingsfisher, O. T., Jan. 4.—In assuring old records stored in a vault on the second floor of the court house, among miscellaneous matter saved when the court house burned August 25, 1890, was found today the tax book of the town of Landon, Oklahoma, for 1889 and 1890, under the provisional government extending over the south half of 1887. J. E. Burns was town clerk from April, 1889, until December 15, the same year, and was succeeded by W. E. Wilson, who continued probably until the territorial organization was completed.

The book contains the list of lots and blocks, together with the valuations and amount assessed as taxes, besides penalties where they were imposed. The whole number of lots assessed was 2,064. The valuation was \$191,564. Tax fixed \$307.77.

Then follows a schedule of rates fixed upon occupations which seem to have been on a basis of making the punishment fit the crime. Drug grocery, notion boot and shoe stores, \$2.00 each. Hotels, dry goods, hardware, banks, lumber yards clothing stores and home tea stands, \$5.00. Land agents, lawyers, barbers, physicians harness shops, shoemakers, draymen, water haulers, street peddlers and dentists, \$2.00. Gaming tables and Chinese laundries, \$7.50 each. Street games, per day, \$10.00. Auction stores, \$1.00 per day or \$10.00 per month. Insurance agents, \$3.00. Billiard and pool tables, \$5.00 for each table. Photo galleries, \$3.00.

The money collected was used for improvements, surveys, town wall at Main and Broadway and all supplies needed. A separate fund was raised by subscription to start the first schools. While this business was carried on, money collected and disbursed, there was no law for it, but on the other hand, there were no

BAD BREATH
Don't disgust your friends any longer. Your foul breath either comes from undigested and fermenting food in the stomach or from a feverish condition, the result of Constipation.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin
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Sweetens sour stomachs, cures indigestion and Constipation.
PEPSIN SYRUP CO., Monticello, Ill.

Munyon's Dyspepsia Cure

Will enable you to eat what you like and at you like. Cures dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness and sleeplessness; makes old stomachs almost as good as new; makes poor rich blood and builds up the whole system.

Munyon's Witch Hazel Soap makes the skin soft as velvet. 10c. Sold everywhere.

courts, no appeal could be taken to a higher authority, the "provisional" was supreme; it had a claim.

So, the book found today is the key, the record of the first public action taken by the people of Indian town as a concrete community. If any one asks what preceded it, the answer is, "nothing." The plain, unfenced, uninclosed and untitled, inhabited by birds, jack rabbits, wolves and within the recollection of some who live here now—by buffalo and herds of antelope. The 2nd of April, 1889, was the day of its redemption from utter primitiveness.

PLINY SOPER ALL RIGHT.

It Is Believed That Chalmers So Indicated.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 4.—A Muskogee dispatch says the report that the death of Major John Chalmers, who conducted the investigation of the department of justice in the Indian territory, would necessitate a second investigation into the official conduct of Pliny Soper, attorney for the Northern district, is not credited here. While Major Chalmers may not have submitted his official report to the department, yet it is understood that he indicated to the department that the affairs of Mr. Soper were satisfactory. If he had found them otherwise the department would have been so informed long since, and Mr. Soper would probably have been notified to send in his resignation, as was the case with other officials whose affairs were not satisfactory.

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Crowd of Indian Allottees Were Taking Lease Money.

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TWO STUDENTS FOR OXFORD

Cecil Rhodes Scholarships
May Fit Oklahomans

ISSUED A STATEMENT

Committee Has Shown What
Are Requirements.

Norman, O. T., Jan. 4.—Two students from Oklahoma may be appointed to the Cecil Rhodes scholarships at Oxford, one in the spring of 1904 and one a year later.

The committee for Oklahoma, consisting of President D. R. Boyd, University; President A. C. Scott, A. & M. college; President F. H. Umbolt, Edmond; President J. W. Conway, Alva; President J. R. Campbell, Weatherford; President House, Kingsfisher, has issued a statement of the facts necessary for the guidance of young men who will possibly be applicants for these scholarships.

Young men of Oklahoma who wish to become candidates for the scholarship to be filed in the coming spring must send their names on or before January 5, 1904, to President Boyd at Norman. The qualifying examination is not competitive, but is intended to give assurance that all candidates are qualified to enter on a course of study at Oxford university and it will therefore be used on the requirements for "Responsions," the first public examination exacted by Oxford for each candidate for a degree. Copies of the Oxford Responsions papers for the past ten years can be obtained from the Oxford university press, 13-15 Fifth avenue, New York City. The students' handbook of Oxford city, which contains the same facts, can be obtained from some of the large towns of the nation say that the same condition also obtained there, and that a majority of the allottees have received the year's income from their lands.

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Another strange feature of the fire was that in about twenty minutes after the Elvins barn took fire Mrs. Pauline Bates, who resides half a mile distant, went out in the yard to look at the fire and discovered her own barn on fire. One horse and a large quantity of grain were burned in the Bates barn. No clue as to who is doing this incendiary work has been found.

When the Elvins barn was fired the culprit went away from the barn in the darkness yelling like a wild Comanche. The farmers traced the firebug from the Jones barn by the Elvins barn to the Bates barn, where they lost the trail. The farmers will offer a large reward for the capture and conviction of this firebug. None of the barns was insured and all were total losses.

Headaches From Colds.

Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause. To get the genuine, call for the name, 25c.

POLITICS AT SOUTH MALESTER.

William Noble Is Likely to Be Named Postmaster.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 4.—A South Malester dispatch says: Notwithstanding press reports to the contrary, William Noble is likely to be reappointed postmaster at South Malester. The Republican executive committee met last Saturday and endorsed H. P. Robbins for the appointment. William Noble and H. P. Robbins were notified on December 29 to appear January 2 for the purpose of presenting proof to the committee as to who was entitled to their incumbency. But the national committee had informed Mr. Noble on the same day that he received the notice to appear before the committee that the committee had already endorsed Mr. Robbins. Noble for that and other reasons refused to appear before the committee, giving the committee his reasons in writing for not appearing and the further reason that he had previously arranged to be absent from the city before receiving the notice to appear.

The committee went ahead and unanimously endorsed Mr. Robbins, notwithstanding the fact that they had previously endorsed Mr. Robbins and notwithstanding the fact that Robbins had only received a majority vote out of a Republican club membership of 215, as appears on the secretary's books, and notwithstanding the fact that Noble and his friends had not appeared at the club meeting, which carried the vote for the reason that the date for the club vote was set and the club rolls closed during Noble's absence from the city.

WITH HICKORY SWITCH.

Aged Negress Carries Out Her Regular New Year's Program.

Muskogee, I. T., Jan. 4.—The cook of Ross Shickoford, deputy United States District Clerk R. P. Harrison, has asked for several days' layoff that she may recover from the too strenuous observance of New Year's day on the part of her aged mother.

The old negress was a slave in the antebellum days and faithfully followed to the hilt of her youth. In furtherance of this each New Year's day she takes each of her children who are still within reach, to the woodshed and there admonishes them with a hickory switch. It matters not to her if the children have long passed the age where a switch is likely to be of use. Five of her children are big, strapping negro women who have children of their own, but they submit meekly enough to the maternal whipping.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Signature of J. C. Hendrix

WENNER WILL QUIT.

Has No Time to Devote to the World's Fair.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 4.—Fred L. Wenner, secretary of the Oklahoma Territory, has announced that he cannot attend the World's Fair in St. Louis, as he is in this position, giving as his reason that his duties as secretary of the school land board required his full time. Mr. Wenner was named as a member of the World's Fair commission by ex-Governor Barnes and was retained by both ex-governors and Governor Ferguson. It is reported that instead of the secretaryship of the school land board, as has recently been stated in some of the territorial papers, which Mr. Wenner is giving up.

REPORT FOR DECEMBER.

Total Receipts Reach a Sum Exceeding \$30,000.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 4.—The monthly report of the secretary of the school land board submitted to the members of the board for December, 1903, shows total receipts of \$30,122.25, and expenses of \$2,382.47.

The receipts in each fund were as follows: Common school, \$13,229.36; common school indemnity, \$6,236.81; college, \$2,543.87; public buildings, \$4,452.33; Great country, section 19, \$37.49; Great country, section 25, \$27.25.

The net receipts of the month were paid over to the territorial treasury by check today.

He Confiscates Quail.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Jan. 4.—Chas. C. Post, the game warden, has confiscated a box at Luther containing over 100 quail which was to have been shipped to St. Louis. He placed U. S. Marshals under arrest and will arraign him for trial here tomorrow. It is understood that Marbut will enter a plea of guilty and will furnish the names of about eight people who are implicated. Mr. Post stated that as a result of the capture several heavy fines would result.

Held Memorial Meeting.

Muskogee, I. T., Jan. 4.—A memorial meeting is to be held in the court house here on January 7, to the memory of William Springer, who died in Washington last month and who for a number of years was the federal judge here. The meeting is to be held under the auspices of the Muskogee Bar association and a number of friends of the deceased jurist have been selected to pay tributes to his memory.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 4.—The reason the City of Shawnee did not receive satisfactory mention in the report to the Secretary of the Interior, said Governor Ferguson today when his attention was called to the complaint made by some of the papers of that city: "The whole with her mayor. My report with regard to the different cities was made from data furnished me by their mayors and all were asked to contribute to the time. If Shawnee felt obliged she need blame no one but her own officials."

MRS. M'KINLEY AT KINGFISHER

It Is Said She Will Be Re-appointed.

HELP FROM A WOMAN

It Is Said Mrs. Roosevelt Was Interested.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 4.—The Kingsfisher postoffice appointment, over which there has been some rather enthusiastic "scrapping" as it is one of the best postoffice appointments in the territory, has been settled, say returning politicians from Washington—and in the settlement of it has been the resident's wife rather than the president who was the principal factor. Mrs. Margaret McKinley will be re-appointed.

Mrs. McKinley is the widow of an original Kingsfisher county homesteader, William McKinley, deceased, cousin of the late president McKinley. William McKinley had a large family, consisting of a wife and nine children, to support. He soon had a heavy mortgage on his farm and was experiencing the usual hardships of the first settler. When his cousin came president of the United States McKinley thought he saw the chance to better somewhat his hard conditions. He accordingly wrote the president, setting forth his circumstances and asking to be appointed postmaster at Kingsfisher.

William McKinley was not at this time a Republican, and this he mentioned to the president in his application, saying that hard times had driven him, like many others, to join the populist ranks. Nevertheless President McKinley looked kindly on the application and, in spite of the fact that the Republicans were steadily endorsing Captain John Rogers, a Civil war veteran of the place, he waived all political considerations and appointed his cousin.

William McKinley lived but eighteen months after receiving the appointment and his widow was named as his successor. Misfortunes multiplied. In a short time three of the children followed their father to the grave. With the mortgage still unpaid and these additional expenses the widowed mother had all she could do to keep things running. Just when she began to live somewhat easier to matter of reappointment came up.

There were politicians, of course, who thought that the position should be given to some one who had aided the party as Kingsfisher, both the county and city, had given the Republicans an increased majority at the last election, and there were several candidates for the place. Among these were Captain John Rogers, defeated for the appointment under President McKinley, and Thos. A. Ewing, former territorial oil inspector under ex-Governor Barnes.

Mrs. McKinley thwarted the efforts of all aspirants, however, for she took the matter up, not with the president, but with the power behind the throne, the president's wife. In a personal letter to Mrs. Roosevelt she told of her many misfortunes and reviewed the manner of the appointment of her deceased husband. The letter had the desired effect, for it touched the heart of the first lady of the land. And thus it was that the postoffice appointment to the Kingsfisher postoffice was a personal one for it was the president's wife who asked that the demands of politics be forgotten and that Mrs. McKinley be re-appointed. The president has told Delegate McGuire and other Oklahoma politicians who have called on him that Mrs. McKinley would be appointed to succeed herself.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Postmasters confirmed by senate:
Indian territory—Frederick S. Walker, Afton.
Kansas—George H. Leisenring, Ellis.
Postmasters nominated:
Indian territory—Robert E. Ross, Tallulah.
Oklahoma—Benjamin W. Williams, Sayre.

THAT EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT.

Oklahoma Board Takes Pride in the Showing Made by Schools.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 4.—The territorial board of education met at Oklahoma City, with all members present. The most important matter coming before the board, out of the routine, was regarding the educational exhibit of the Oklahoma schools at the exposition. While a very satisfactory showing was made by a number of the territorial schools at the recent meeting of the territorial teachers' association still there were a great many schools in different parts of the territory not represented at all. As a whole the value of the territorial educational exhibit at St. Louis will consist in showing that there are schools not in a few spots in the territory but in every part of it. The board decided to extend the time allowed the teachers of the territory to prepare their educational exhibits to March 1. The exhibits will then be sent to Superintendent Baxter at Guthrie and forwarded by him to the exposition.

The board also set the time for various examinations as follows:
Examination for territorial certificates, July 15, 16 and 17.
Examination for common school pupils to admit to high school, second week of April and third week of May.

Normal institute periods were determined upon as follows:
First normal institute period to close July 2.
Second normal institute period to close August 12.

WHAT RECORDS SHOW.

In Apportioning Creek Claims a Curious Case Is Evolved.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 4.—The following account from Stillwater shows a remarkable case of twister relationship:
In apportioning the amounts due individuals of the loyal Creek claim of \$100,000 Major McLaughlin, who has charge of this work, finds some peculiar cases of relationship. The most recent makes a man his own step grandfather.
One of the original Creek claimants was Lizzie Batches, who at the time of the war, when she lost her all, was 35 years old. Some time afterward she married John Jack, a Kansas, who came to the Indian territory. She died a few years later, leaving Washington Targor, a son by former marriage and Jack as her heir.
Targor died, leaving two daughters. One of them was 21 years old and the wife of Jack.



THE BABY.
See, this is a Baby.
How he must be petted and indulged.
Not he. He has a Scientific Mother who Studies Hygienic Twaddle and every Sixty-nine Minutes he Receives one and three-quarter ounces of a Patent Food.
Does he Eat Nothing Else?
No. His Mother wishes to get his Portrait in the Advertising Annex of the Magazine.
But he now seems to be Eating a Biscuit or Two.
Yes. His Mother is Out, and his Nurse is Reading a novel. So he has snatched to the Pantry and is Helping himself.
Will not the Biscuit make him Ill?
Oh, no. They are made of Cattelene instead of Lard, and they could not possibly Hurt even a Patent-Food Baby.
What will his Mother say?
She will say: "Cattelene will Happen in the Best-Regulated Families."